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Bloomington man charged with bank robbery

A 52-year-old Bloomington man was indicted yesterday on three counts of armed bank robbery in connection with holdups in Arden Hills, Minneapolis and Roseville.

David Lee Barnes's indictment alleges that on Dec. 12, 2007, he did, by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$4,278 from the TCF Bank in Roseville; on Dec. 17, 2007, he took approximately \$1,427 from the TCF Bank in Arden Hills; and on Jan. 10, 2008, he took approximately \$150 from a TCF Bank in Minneapolis.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Barnes entered the Roseville TCF Bank, located in a Cub Foods store at approximately 12:10 p.m. He approached a teller, pulled out a plastic bag, pointed a gun at the teller's chest, and said "I'd like to make a withdrawal, put all the money you have in your drawer in the bag." The robber added, "If you value your life and want to live, hurry up!"

On Dec. 17, 2007, the affidavit stated, Barnes entered the Arden Hills TCF Bank, also located in a Cub Foods store, at approximately 1 p.m. Again he allegedly pulled out a plastic bag and pointed a gun at a teller demanding cash.

On Jan. 10, 2008, Barnes entered the TCF Bank, located at 1602 New Brighton Blvd. in Minneapolis at approximately 12:15 p.m. He allegedly approached a teller carrying a bouquet of fresh flowers and a black canvas bag. He then allegedly pulled out a gun and demanded cash.

Bloomington Police had arrested Barnes on Jan. 11, 2008, in connection with a shoplifting and assault at the Wal-Mart store in Bloomington. At the time of his arrest, Barnes's clothing matched those worn by the bank robbery suspect in both the Minneapolis and Roseville incidents, the affidavit stated. Barnes was later identified as the suspect from the Arden Hills robbery.

If convicted, Barnes faces a maximum penalty of 25 years on each bank robbery count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an

investigation by the FBI, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and the police departments of Bloomington, Minneapolis and Roseville, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney William J. Otteson.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.